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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir.

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, enclosed please find the following document: Amendment and Response to Office Action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC382-US). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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